

EXHIBIT A

Bank of America

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Legal Department

CIVIL COURT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF QUEENS

Giovanni Arena,

Plaintiff,
v.

Bank of America Corporation,

Defendant.

Index Number: 026420

STATEMENT OF SERVICE
BY MAIL

To: Bank of America Corporation
100 N. Tryon Street
Charlotte, NC 28255

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Date: August 1, 2019



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I affirm the above as true under penalty of perjury:

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Plaintiff,

- against -

Bank of America Corporation,

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SUMMONS

Plaintiff's Residence:

22-15 Harman Street
Ridgewood, NY 11385

The basis of venue

Plaintiff's residence as per
NYC Civil Court Act § 301(a)

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To Bank of America Corporation:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to appear in the Civil Court of New York, County of Queens, located in the City and State of New York, at 89-17 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, NY, 11435, within the time provided by law as noted below and to file your answer to the annexed complaint with the clerk of the court. Upon your failure to answer, judgment will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint, together with the costs of this action.

Dated: August 1, 2019

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**CIVIL COURT
QUEENS COUNTY**

Defendant's Address:

Bank of America Corporation, 100 N. Tryon Street, Charlotte, NC 28202


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Attorney for Plaintiff

NOTE: The law provides that (a) if this summons is served by its delivery to you personally within the City of New York, you must appear and answer within TWENTY days after such service; or (b) if this summons is served by delivery to any person other than you personally, or is served outside the City of New York, or by publication, or by any means other than personal delivery to you within the City of New York, you are allowed THIRTY days after the proof of service thereof is filed with the clerk of the court within which to appear and answer. Where a defendant appears by an attorney, a copy of such defendant's answer shall be served upon the plaintiff's attorney, or upon the plaintiff if the plaintiff appears in person, at or before the time of filing the original answer with proof of service thereof.

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COMPLAINT

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Plaintiff Giovanni Arena, by and through the undersigned counsel, states as follows:

1. The Plaintiff seeks redress for the Defendant's violations of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act ("TCPA"), 47 U.S.C. § 227, *et seq.*, and the Defendant's intentional infliction of emotional distress during its efforts to collect a financial obligation from the Plaintiff.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

2. The Plaintiff seeks to recover damages in an amount not exceeding \$25,000, exclusive of costs and interest. These damages resulted from conduct that occurred during the specific time period described herein. As such, this Court has jurisdiction over the present action pursuant to Section 201 of the New York City Civil Court Act.

3. Pursuant to Section 301 of the New York City Civil Court Act, the proper venue for trial is in Queens County as the Plaintiff was residing in the said county at the commencement of this action.

THE PARTIES

4. The Plaintiff repeats and restates each of the allegations contained in the paragraphs above as if fully contained herein.

5. The Plaintiff is an adult individual residing in the State of New York, County of Queens. As per 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3), the Plaintiff is a “person” who was subject to the TCPA violations described herein.

6. Defendant Bank of America is a North Carolina-based business corporation with its principal executive office located at 100 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, NC, 28255.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

7. The Plaintiff repeats and restates each of the allegations contained in the paragraphs above as if fully contained herein.

8. In May of 2018, the Defendant placed approximately fifty collection calls to a cellular telephone line owned by Plaintiff, upon information and belief.

9. The above-stated collection calls were placed through an automatic telephone dialing system (“ATDS”), upon information and belief. The Defendant’s ATDS had the capacity to dial, store, and produce numbers to be called using a random or sequential number generator. When the Plaintiff answered the calls, there would be a significant pause before he was connected with a person.

10. The aforementioned calls by the Defendant were incessant, continuous, and placed without the Plaintiff’s prior express consent.

11. Upon information and belief, the Defendant continued to call the Plaintiff even after he asked that the calls be stopped.

12. Furthermore, the described collection calls were so numerous and persistent they caused the Plaintiff severe anxiety and emotional distress. Upon information and belief, the Defendant intended to cause, or recklessly caused, the Plaintiff's emotional distress in order to force or pressure payments on a financial obligation.

COUNT I
VIOLATIONS OF THE TELEPHONE CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT

13. The Plaintiff repeats and restates each of the allegations contained in the paragraphs above as if fully contained herein.

14. Upon information and belief, the Defendant violated the TCPA using an ATDS to place numerous non-emergency calls to the cellular number of the Plaintiff without his prior express consent. *See* 47 U.S.C. § (b)(1)(A)(iii).

15. As shown by its repeated, persistent, and unyielding conduct, the Defendant's violations of the TCPA were willful and knowing. *Id.* § 227(b)(3).

COUNT II
INTENTIONAL INFILCTION OF EMOTIONAL DISTRESS

16. The Plaintiff repeats and restates each of the allegations contained in the paragraphs above as if fully contained herein.

17. The Defendant engaged in extreme and outrageous conduct by calling the Plaintiff without consent on a frequent and incessant basis.

18. Upon information and belief, the Defendant's calls were intended to cause the Plaintiff severe emotional distress. This intent is shown by the abundance and persistence of the calls.

19. If the Defendant's calls were not made with intent, they were made with reckless disregard of the substantial probability that the conduct would cause the Plaintiff severe emotional distress, upon information and belief.

20. There is a causal connection between the Defendant's calls and the Plaintiff's severe emotional distress.

21. Pursuant to the foregoing conduct, the Defendant is liable for damages to the Plaintiff for its intentional infliction of emotional distress.

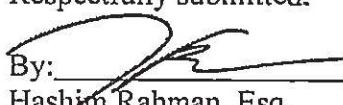
PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE the Plaintiff prays that a judgment be entered against the Defendant by

1. Awarding the Plaintiff the statutory damages in the amount of \$500 for each call placed in violation of the TCPA pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3)(B),
2. Awarding the Plaintiff damages and costs for the Defendant's intentional infliction of emotional distress, and
3. Granting such other and further relief that the Court may deem just and proper.

Dated: August 1, 2019

Respectfully submitted,

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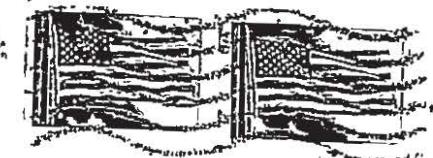


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